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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: D.C. Dinh
TOSHIAKI IGARASHI ET AL.	)	
	:	TC/Art Unit: 2152
Application No.: 09/017,295	)	
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Filed: February 2, 1998	)	
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For: NETWORK DATA BASE	)	
CONTROL DEVICE AND	:	
METHOD THEREOF	)	November 23, 2004

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal is filed herewith. Prior to continued examination, and in response to the final Office Action dated August 25, 2004, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows, the amendments to the claims being reflected in the listing starting on page 2, and the remarks beginning at page 10.